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IN RE APPLN. OF: NIE ET AL.  
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**COMMUNICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Applicants wish to express their sincere gratitude to Examiner Chin for the courtesies extended to applicants' attorney, Salim A. Hasan, in the telephone conversation that took place today, May 6, 2002. Applicants confirm that, during the course of that telephone conversation, applicants agreed to amend claim 1 by deleting the term "an amino substituent" without prejudice or disclaimer. Examiner Chin agreed to enter that amendment by Examiner's Amendment.

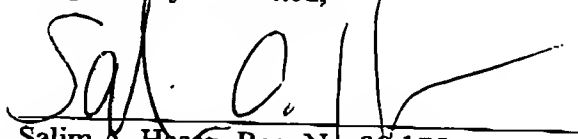
Examiner Chin stated that the application will be allowed and that no further action on the part of applicants is required.

A set of the revised pending claims is attached for the Examiner's convenience.

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If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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Date: May 6, 2002

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